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Column One
By David Courtney

Chinese Withdrawing, Lose Key Supply Town

IT is difficult to foresee the consequences of General Sir Brian Robertson's visit to Israel. It is not at all difficult to guess at them in the exaggerations of an international atmosphere in which pacts and counter-pacts, bases and counter-bases are seen as regularly and disturbingly as the flying saucer. The British Commander-in-Chief's visit comes close upon a set of rumours and reports that have hinted at a military alliance between Israel and Turkey, the setting up of British bases in the Negev, and the promotion from Athens and Ankara of a Mediterranean Pact to which Israel, in return for the favours of America, would be expected to respond loyally. What is more, the visit coincides with the gathering of U.S. diplomats at Istanbul, at which the question of Middle East security has been discussed in relation to the general problem of Western security.

COURTESY-calls for courtesy's sake are an unlikely luxury just now and it is probable that some of the portents have been shrewdly detected. The British Commander-in-Chief may be expected to have brought with him in his satchel a list of pertinent questions on the subject of security which the responsible authorities in Israel will answer or not as they think fit. Those responsible authorities may be expected also to have jotted down a few queries to put to General Robertson. What is unlikely is that the questions and answers should have any formal relevance to pacts or treaties, alliances or other manner of contract involving strategic or political commitment. Apart altogether from the stresses and prospects of international groupings, it has to be realized that Britain, strategically, is one of Israel's neighbours and that, whatever may be the foreign policy of each, there is good ground for some form of consultation between them on the general question of regional security.

AS long as the occasion is an informative one, it should make little difference that General Robertson has come at a moment of national political crisis. At the same time, it is unlikely that Mr. Ben Gurion sees even the possibility of someone else at the head of a new government or in charge of his darling among portfolios, the Ministry of Defence. He should therefore be able to impress General Robertson with his authority; and, in speaking for the army of Israel, as to its wants and what it might do in certain circumstances, to speak convincingly. The British and American Governments, in their dealings with Israel on the subject of regional security are likely to be glad enough to take certain prospects on trust, rather than to insist upon formal and conspicuous assurances or bonds which might have the effect of deepening and widening the present national rifts, with consequences as perilous to security as to social unity.

THE visit of General Robertson tells strikingly of the pace at which history revolves nowadays; and, at the same time, of the absurd and despotic exigencies into which its mad revolutions have pitched us all. No one, three years ago, could have guessed at an official call of this kind so soon and for such a purpose. If it argues a basis of friendship and mutual interest between the two countries, so much the better. If it argues a world situation which forces nations, in the phrase of General Eisenhower, to let bygones be bygones for the sake of fighting a probable war together, so much the worse, perhaps. If war should be avoided and a basis of friendship be sustained, that would be best of all.

Tel Aviv, Feb. 19.

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3,000 U.K. Railmen In Walkout Over Wage Demands

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters).—Railway workers in various parts of Britain are threatening to strike for higher wages. In Manchester, 3,000 men were decided to walk out at midnight tonight, and branch union leaders have called on 11,000 guards, porters and signalmen in the Greater Manchester area to strike at midnight on Tuesday.

Ignoring official appeals to delay action, 800 engine drivers and firemen at Paddington, one of London's main railway stations, decided today that they will strike every weekend from next Friday, until they get the wage increases they demand.

Yesterday, 1,800 men at Liverpool started a "go-slow" movement, and a similar movement is developing in Sheffield. Other railwaymen's meetings being held throughout the country are expected to spread the strike movement.

Dock Strike Goss On

The nationwide dock strike is continuing at the U.S., Australia and New Zealand on a Japanese peace treaty have resulted in agreement that it is essential not to leave a power vacuum in Japan which might attract unfriendly forces.

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Manned artillery fire from American and South Korean troops broke a "last gasp" suicide attack by the Communists, driving through blinding snow, reached within six kms. of the town.

At the same time, North Korean divisions, still threatened Chechon which commands a road network down through the central mountains to the Eighth Army's rear,

noting that the line in the area is not clearly marked, the M.A.C. requested "both sides to take severe measures to stop such incidents in the future."

It also was agreed that the border may have been crossed illegally by a "detachment of the Israel Army and Arab shepherds, when it appears that fire was exchanged across the demarcation line as a result of the difference of opinion as to which side of the Jordan flock was grazing on."

Spooky Investigation

The meeting was called following complaints by Israel and Jordan and received a report from the Jordanian chief of staff which carried out an on-the-spot investigation on the afternoon of the incident. The shooting occurred at a point where the demarcation line runs across the area from the west of an encampment, the area between the Jordan and the Yarmuk.

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LACK OF FAITH IN CURRENCY Gold Rivals Dollar

By John L. Marion

Monday, February 10, 1952

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DESPITE a reduction in the United Jewish Appeal collections of \$22m. between 1949 and 1950, Israel received the same total of \$22m. in both years, and much the same is again to be expected in 1951, according to reports from Miami where American communal leaders assembled this week-end to launch their fourteenth annual campaign. Of the \$11m. raised in 1949, some \$6m. went directly to the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund, while the American Joint Distribution Committee allocated from its share about \$2m. to Israel, Yeshaot and over \$8m. to the transportation of immigrants to Israel, thus bringing the total for Israel purposes to \$22m. Last year the Israel agencies received only \$6m., less than 1949 despite the \$22m. drop in the total raised, but against this, the AJDC allocated \$6m. more for Israel — \$4m. for Mabien and \$2m. more for immigration — so that again, Israel received a total of \$6m.

Expecting a further reduction in U.J.A. collections in 1951, owing to competition from the bond drive and flagging response to the perennial emergency campaigns in the U.S., the Jewish Agency at its recent meeting in New York adopted a constricted budget based on an expected U.J.A. drive of only \$10m. It therefore reduced its expenditure on Youth Aliya, colonization and other essential services. The Welfare Fund leaders now report from Miami that the Jewish Agency was overly pessimistic, and since the advent of the bond drive there has been a new atmosphere of cooperation between the Welfare Funds and the U.J.A. Gone are the quibbles both about pre-campaign budgeting and about the pre-eminence of Israel over local American community needs which have plagued the U.J.A. in previous years. The Welfare Funds, which are reported to have lost some of their best people to the bond drive, now feel that their continued growth and strength in their communities depends on convincing Israel of their continued importance by producing the cash for the U.J.A.

America's renewed prosperity promises a banner year for the U.J.A. Some Fund officials go so far as to assert that were it not for the competition from the bond drive, the U.J.A. this year would do as well as in the peak year of 1948, when the tremendous appeal of Israel's war of independence combined with American post-war prosperity combined to raise over the \$130m. Welfare Fund and U.J.A. leaders, who are now working in close harmony at Miami, feel that grandiose plans for the bond drive cannot prevent them from raising between \$8 and \$9 million, giving Israel between \$6 and \$6 million dollars. The median figure of \$5 million dollars raised would give Israel the same \$1 million as in the past two years.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 1000, 1015 & 1030 M. JERUSALEM: 09 M. HAIFA: 09 M. NEWS: Broadcast: 7 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 10.15 p.m.; Arts: 8 p.m., 10.15 and 11.30 p.m.; French (including News): 8 a.m., 11.15 and 11.30 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service, 4.30 Exercises, 6.30 Musical Clock (R), 7.15 Metronome, 8.30 Oriental Music (R), 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Morning Concert (R), 11.30 a.m. Broadcast from "Musical Offering" (Guitar: Piano Concerto (Mozart); "The Birds" (Beethoven); 12.30 p.m. Break for Music (R), 12.45 p.m. Broadcast from "Musical Offering" (Mozart); 1.15 p.m. Housewives' Concert, 1.15 Close Down.

The Hebrew National

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TEL AVIV: KARIMAN Tomorrow, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. HAIFA: ARKON Thursday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.

JAZZ

with RAPHAEL ABIR of Le Souci, Miles

Conductor: G. Singer

Tickets: Tel Aviv: Nafha, 47 Allenby; Nafha: Ginsburg

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